



Exemplary Port Report for 2012

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☞ *San Diego Convention Center Phase III Expansion:* In September, the Board of Port Commissioners certified the Environmental Impact Report for this important regional project. The project, which includes a 500-room expansion of the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, will create nearly 7,000 permanent jobs.

☞ *Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan:* In August, the California Coastal Commission unanimously approved the Port Master Plan Amendment and Chula Vista Local Coastal Program for more than 500 acres of waterfront after more than a decade of planning.

☞ *Technology Strategic Plan:* The Port launched this initiative to prepare for the future with appropriate and cost-effective technologies.

☞ *Vendor Ordinance:* The Board of Port Commissioners updated rules that had been drafted nearly 20 years ago regulating performing and sales activity on the waterfront, and received very positive feedback from vendors.

☞ *Governance:* The Board reduced the number of Board committees, and gave them clear marching orders to increase their effectiveness.

☞ *Capital Improvement Program:* In June, The Board approved a \$6.2 million capital improvements plan with a new process that provides fairness to all the member cities.

☞ *Municipal Service Agreements:* The Port reached agreement with member cities on a nine-year financial framework for outsourcing common support services. This provides more predictability in funding for public safety and other services on tidelands.

☞ *Ruocco Park:* In September, the Port dedicated its 18th public park. The 3.3-acre park near Seaport Village provides picturesque views of San Diego Bay.

☞ *Big Bay Shuttle:* During the summer, the Port kicked off the Big Bay Shuttle, which was extremely popular. In December, the Board voted to continue this service to future years.

☞ *Waterfront Activation:* As part of a strategy to activate the waterfront, the Port produced 13 free, family-friendly events in San Diego, National City, Imperial Beach and Chula Vista. The events drew an estimated 10,200 people from April through August.

☞ *Dole Lease:* In August, the Port of San Diego and Dole Fresh Fruit Company signed a 24.5-year lease agreement for space at the Port's Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. This agreement demonstrates Dole's long-term commitment to San Diego.

☞ *Delegations:* The Port welcomed visiting officials from Foshan, China; Xiamen, China; and Sasebo, Japan.

☞ *Brookings Institution:* Along with the City of San Diego and other agencies, the Port is participating in an export growth initiative led by the Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank.

☞ *National City Land Use:* The Port launched a joint-planning initiative with the city of National City for commercial and recreational development.

